

Amendment and Response
to Office Action dated 09/27/2006

PATENT
Application No. 10/694,549
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Examiner: Necholus Ogden, Jr.
Art Unit: 1751
Attorney Docket No. 249-06/H05138



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the United States Patent Application of

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Claiming priority of International Application
PCT/EP02/04170, filed 04/16/2002
and German Application
DE 101 20 441.8, filed 04/25/2001

Title: DETERGENT SHAPED BODIES WITH VISCOELASTIC PHASE

Certificate of Mailing Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

I hereby certify that the enclosed Request for Continued Examination and an Amendment and Response To United States Patent and Trademark Office Examiner's Action Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 with supporting documents are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope properly addressed to MAIL STOP — RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on March 26, 2007.

March 26, 2007
Date

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Petition for Extension Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

On September 27, 2006, the United States Patent and Trademark Office issued a Final Office Action. A period of three months was provided for Applicants' Response. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time from the December 27, 2006, deadline to March 27, 2007, to file their Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111. Applicants' enclosed check in the amount of \$1,810.00 includes \$1,020.00 for the extension fee.

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Dear Sir:

**Amendment and Response
To United States Patent and Trademark Office
Examiner's Action Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

I. Introduction

Applicants' Amendment and Response is to an United States Patent and Trademark Office Examiner's Action dated September 27, 2006. In the Action, the Examiner set a shortened statutory period for Applicants' response of three months, *i.e.*, to December 27, 2006. Applicants are requesting a three-month extension of time, to March 27, 2007, to file the Amendment and Response. Accordingly, the Amendment and Response is timely as it is being filed on March 26, 2007, with a Certificate of Mailing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

As the Action is a final Action, Applicants also submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination with the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(d), with the timely filing of a Request for Continued Examination and the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), the Patent Office will withdraw the finality of an Action and Applicants' submission will be entered and considered. Accordingly, Applicants' Response is being presented under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 on the basis that the finality of the Action has been withdrawn by the concurrent filing of the Request for Continued Examination.